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—OF THE—

Twelfth Annual Session

OF THE

Clear Creek Baptist Association.

HELD WITH

New Prospect Church,

WINSTON COUNTY, ALA.

WHICH CONVENED ON OCTOBER 13th. 1886.

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THE Twelfth Annual Session of the Clear Creek Baptist Association convened with New Prospect Church, Winston County, Ala., on Friday, Oct., 15th, 1886.

THE Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld., T. M. Martin. Text 16th chapter, and 19th verse, of Mathew; an intermission of thirty minutes was given for refreshments, after which the delegates assembled in the house—Prayer by the moderator. The letters from the several churches was called for and the letters were placed on the table, and the names of G. W. Hilton, and J. D. Rutledge, was called as reading clerks, who proceeded to read, and the names of the Churches with the delegates, were enrolled as follows, and absentees marked thus, *.

Rock Creek—Elds, C.A. aylor*, A.F.Cole* and J.N. Curtis. Houston—W. C. Blackwell, A. C. McCay* J. .A Scoggins*. Corinth—Eld James Hilton, G. W. Hilton, Rob't Beasley. Bethel—J. D. Rutledge, J. C. Lay, W. J. Tingle, *. Mt. Hope—P. R. Land, H. J. Chainey, J. J. Harris. Liberty Grove—H. R. Oden, R. B. Dickenson, J. K. P. Taylor* Oak Grove —A. J. McCullars, N. A. McCullars, N. A. Humpheries* New Prospect—B. F. Roden, H. R. Fulmer, J. C. Long. Fairview—S. McCollum, J, H. Martin, Eld. D. Carroll. Union Grove—Eld W. W. Davis, H. L. McCrary, B. J. Weaver. Sardis, No 1---Eld T.M.Martin, C.A League* J. W. Barton. Shilo—Eld James Hood, W. R. Crittendon, John Cantrell, Blooming Grove—Eld.D.B.Ford Minor Williams, D. Hill* Mount Zion---Y. M. Ivey* James Humphries*, L. F. Stivner. Concord---Eld., L. M, Taylor, Jasper Ingle. Sardis, No 2---Eld Virgil Foster, Thomas Cobb* John Carroll*

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The Body then proceeded to elect a moderator and clerk to serve the ensuing year, resulting in the choice of Eld T. T. Martin moderator; J. C. Long, Sr, clerk, and G. W Hilton, corresponding secretary. The former moderator returned his thanks to the body and invited the Moderator-elect to the chair. The moderator came forward and invited visiting ministers, not delegates, to seats, the moderator proceed to open the door for the reception of newly constituted or dismissed churches, whereupon a letter was presented from Bethlahem Church, Franklin county, Ala., by her delegates: Eld Q.D.Haney, J.W.O'Kelly, J. Conaway,---on motion the Church was received and the right-hand extended by the moderator. The body adopted the former order of business.---The moderator then appointed the following committies:

On devotional exercise---J. C. Long, S. McCollum, H. L McCrary, H. J. Chainey, together with the deacons. of NewProspect Church. On Sabbath Schools---Eld. James Hilton, W. C. Blackwell, I. F. Stavner. On Home Mission---J.C.Long, S.McCollum, Eld W.W.Davis; H.L. McCrary H.J.Chainey. On Finance---G.W.Hilton, A.J.McCullars, nd Minor Williams. Nomination, ---H. J. Chainey H.J. Martin, J. D. Rutledge. On Temperance--Elds Q.D.Haney, James Hood H.R.Fulmer On circular letter=G.W.Hilton,W.C.Blackwell,I.F. Stivner, then called for correspondence=received a letter from the Cullman Association, on motion the letter was received and the right hand extended to the messengers P.M.Musgrove and Thomas Burrell.

On motion the body adjoured untll 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by Eld.,P.M.Musgrove, benediction by the moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, NINE O'CLOCK, OCT., 16TH.

THE Body met pursuant to adjournment, prayer by Eld L. M. Taylor; the moderator called the body to order, and returned correspondence: to the CullmanAssociation, Eld D B Eord, James Hilton, H.J.Chainey, S. McCollum, J. C. Long,Sr; J.J.Harris,

To the North River Asssociation: Elds,T.M.Martin and R M Atkins, G W Hilton, Y M Ivey, N H Estes. To theYellow Creek Association: Eld Q D Haney,J C Long Sr; J Conoway. To the Sulpher Springs Association: Eld D B Ford, J D Rutledge, H J Chainey. To the Mussel Shoals Association: Q D Haney and James Hood B F Roden, and W C Blackwell. Call for the reports of DistrictMeeting

REPORT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT :-- "The next meeting of the first district will be held with Union Grove Church, Winston county, Ala., 9 miles west of Double Springs, to commence on Saturday before the 4th, Sabbath in September, 1887.—Eld., L. M. Taylor to preach the introductory, Eld C. A. Taylor his alternate. Eld W. W. Davis, at 11 o'clock on Sabbath, Eld T. M. Martin, his alternate. W. W. DAVIS, Mod.
J. C. LONG,Sr, Clerk.

REPORT OF SECOND DISTRICT : —"The next meeting of the Second district will be held with Mount Zion Church, Walker county, Ala., 10 miles north of Jasper, to commence on Saturday before the third Sabbath in Sept, 1887, Eld James Hilton, to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. S.C.Cooper, alternate; Eld. D. B. Ford, at 11 o'clock on Sabbath, Eld W. Dailey alternate The next Association will be held with Fairview, church, Winston Co., Ala., 3 miles east of Double Springs, ELD. D.B.FORD, MOD.
A H. SMITH, Clerk.

The moderator then called for the following reports:

ON NOMINATION,— "We your committee on nomination, beg leave to report, That we have appointed Eld.W.W.Davis to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. Q. D. Haney his alternate, Eld. James Hilton, at 11 o'clock on Sabbath---Eld. T. M. Martin his alternate. Eld. D. B. Ford to write a circular letter. H.J.CHAINEY, Ch'm'n.

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ON TEMPREANCE:—"We your committee on temperance beg leave to report the following: Acorcding to the example of Christ we should abstain from every appearance of evil. Christ has set the example and since he did not participate in drinking intoxicating spirits, neither should we. Paul says not to keep company with any man that is called a brother, that is a drunkard.

Respectfully submitted. Q. D. HANEY, Ch'm'n.

ON CIRCULAR LETTER.--- "We your committee on Circular Letter beg leave to report the appointee failed to write a letter as appointed, Respectfully Submitted. G. W, HILTON, Ch'm'n.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.---"We your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report that we reccommend the churches and neighborhoods generally, to take a more and deeper interest in Sabbath Schools, than heretofore; and that the Pastors of the several Churches preach a sermon to each Chuch on the importance of training the young mind in the way they should go for if we fail to teach and train our children in the Baptist faith, we will fail to do our duty as the Holy Spirit says to train them up in the way they should go, and when old they will not depart from it. Dear Brethren: Is not the Baptist faith and practice right? you certainly know it is, then will God not hold us responsible if we fail to obey, for if we fail to train them right the Catholics and their off-springs will train them for us, to obey their false and pernicious doctrine

Respectfully submitted. ELD JAMES HILTON, Ch'm'n.

ON HOME MISSION:—"We your committee on Home Mission beg leave to report that we advise the several churches in the Clear Creek Association to do their whole duty in the support of the ministry, and report the amount paid by each church, and to whom paid to the next Association. Dear Brethren. - There is ministers sufficient to supply the destitute bounds of this Association, and ask you as Churches of the True and Living God, to loose them and let them go and declare the whole council of God to sinners. Brethren, we feel satisfied if we as Churches will do our duty in support of the ministry, the ministers of God will do their duty.

Respectfully submitted. J. C. LONG, Chairman.

ON FINANCE-- "We your committee on finance beg leave to report that we have received from the several churches $17,70 minute fund, and $6,80 associational fund.

Respectfully submitted. G. W. HILTON, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT--"I beg leave to make the following report: Received of the finance committee $16,80 and from the former treasurer 20 cts, making seventeen dollars minute fund, $5,50 associational fund. Paid for printing minutes seventeen dollars, [illegible]

Appointed J. C. Long, Sr. Treasurer.

RESOLVED, That the Clerk have as many minutes printed as the minute fund will pay for and he has the associational fund as his salery

Appointed J. C. Long, Sr. distributing agent in the first district, and Eld. James Hilton in the second.

RESOLVED, That this body return our most heartfelt thanks to New Prospect church and vicinity, for their hospitality and kindness, given us, during our stay with them.

By motion the body called for the reading of the minutes, which was read by the Clerk and adopted.

On motion the body adjourned to meet with Fairview Church, Winston county, Ala., on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1887. Prayer by Eld. Q.D.Haney. The brethren sang a hymn and took the parting hand.

The stand was filled on Sabbath at 11 o'clock, by Elds.D.B.Ford, and W.P, Smith, who delivered very interesting discourses to a large and well ordered congregation.

ELD. T. M. MARTIN, MOD.
J. C. LONG, SR, CLERK

—— BAPTIST DECLARATION OF FAITH. ——

1. On the Scriptures-- We believe that the Holy Bible was writte nby men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly insruction; that it has God for its author, Salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and, therefore, is and shall remain to the end of the world the true centre of Christian Union,and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

2. Of the True God.---That there is one true and living God,whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; revealed under the personal and relative distinction of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divin perfection. and executing distinct, but harmonious officesin the grea work of redemption.

3. Of the Fall of Man.---That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression,fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by the constraint, but by choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness, required by the law of God; wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan and of their own sinful passions; and, therefore, under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence or excuse.

4. Of the Way of Salvation.—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death, being arisen from the dead, He is enthroned in Heaven, uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, is in every way qualified to be a suitable, compassionate, and all-sufficient Savior.

5. Of Justification.—That the great Gospel blessing, which Christ of his fullnes bestows on such as believe in Him, is justification; that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life, on pronciples of righteousness, that it is not bestowed in consideration of any works of righteousness, that it brings us into a state of blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

6. Of Grace in Regeneration.—That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated and born again, that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind and is effected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation by the Holy Ghost.

7. Of God's Purpose of Grace.—That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistant with the moral agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodnes, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangable, that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God; and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is the foundation of christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost dilegence.

8. Of the Perseverance of Saints.—That such only are real beleivers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the Grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfore, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

9. Harmony of the Law and Gospel.—That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy just and good, the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen man to fullfill its preceps, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of his visible Church,

10. Of a Gospel Church.—That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of Baptized believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

11. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.—That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Savior; that it is a pre requisite to the privileges of a Church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceeded by a solemn self-examination, and that none have a right to administer it only such as are called, qualified and come unto the hand of the Presbytery.

12. Of the Christian Sabbath.—That the first day of the week is the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secual labor and recreation by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people.

13. Of Civil Government—That civil government is of divine appointment for the interest and good of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of the Lord, of consciences and the prince of the kings of the earth

14. Of the Righteous and Wicked.—That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such as only through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem, while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse, that this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

15. Of the World to Come.—That the end of the world is approaching, and that at the last day, Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave for final retribution; that a seperation will then take place; that the righteous will be adjudged to endless joy, and the wicked to endless punishment; and that this judgement will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

16. That Saints ought to wash each others feet.

STATISTICAL TABLE FOR CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. 1886.

	CHURCHES;	PASTORS:	CLERKS;	POST OFFICES.	Baptised....	Rec'd by Let	Dis. by Let'r	Restored....	Excluded ...	Dead.....	Total.....	Minute fund.	Association
	Union Grove.....	W. W.Davis.....	J. T. Hackett.....	Biler.....	20	2	7	2		1	98	150	.40
	Sardis.....	T.M.Martin,.....	J. W. Barton,.....	Larrisa,.....	8	2	3			1	65	165	.50
	New Prospect.....	Q. D Haney.....	J. C.Long,Sr.....	Ark	18	10	7				106	250	.85
	Liberty Grove.....	C. A. Taylor	J. P. Taylor,.....	Biler.....	7	1	5			1	24	100	.15
	Shilow.....	James Hood.....	Wm. Crittendon.....	Kinlock.....			5				14	25	.15
	Rock Creek.....	A. F. Cole.....	W. P. Shipman.....	Double Springs.....	4	3	2				43	50	.25
	Concord.....	L. M. Taylor,.....	H. H. Dupree, ...	Larrisa.....	13	5	4		1		27	100	.75
	Bethlehem, No. 2, ..	Q. D. Haney, ...	A. Posey.....	Pebble,.....	31	9					49	150	.50
	Fairview.....	R M. Atkins	G. W.Shipman	Double Springs	2	4					30	100	.50
	Oak Grove.....	A. F .Cole.....	J G Lovelady,.....	Motes, ...	1	3					28	60	.50
	Corinth.....	James Hilton, ...	G. W. Hilton, ...	Houston, ...	5	38	3				26	100	.50
	Mt. Zion,.....	D. B. Ford.....	I. F. Stivner	South Lowell,.....	2		2				42	85	
	Blooming Grove....	" "	N. H. Estes, ...	" "	1	5			1		40	110	.45
	Bethel.....	" "	J. D. Rutledge, ...	Houston, ...		2	1		1		37	100	.30
	Mt. Hope.....	James Hilton , ...	J. G. Land.....	CraneHill.....	3	10	3		2		72	95	.25
	Houston	" "	J. A. Scoggins.....	Houston,.....			14	1			14	50	.50
	Sardis, No. 2.....	D B Ford	Thos. A Cobb	Houston, ———	13	3	4				32	60	.25

☞Mt Olive--not represente ; Mt Pleasant---not represented; Emous---not reprsented; Bethlehem---not represented.

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128 Bapt. 58 to win one.